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SUBJECT : Proposed Changes in DCID 4/4 (14 December 1954)

Priority National Intelligence Objectives

REFERENCE: DCID 4/4

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By IAC directive, the referenced Priority National Intelligence Objectives must be reviewed semi-annually. These suggested changes are being submitted for Board approval prior to discussion with the IAC representatives.

1. Amend I d to read: "Soviet capabilities, plans, and intentions for the clandestine delivery of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons and for overt use of biological and chemical weapons in the event of general hostilities." (Believe it is too restrictive to tie BW and CW to clandestine delivery. Perhaps overt use should come under category II.)

2. Add as II x or I e: "Communist capabilities and intentions for initiating peripheral aggression or civil war against non-Communist governments." (This will be subject of one of major studies being prepared for revision of NSC 5501. How to deal with it is certainly one of most knotty US policy problems.)

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3. Move III e to II under Western Europe or under a new heading for Africa. (North Africa so closely tied to France, NATO, and US base problem believe it should have been in category II in the first place.)

4. Amend II t to read: "The coherence and effectiveness of the NATO alliance, with particular reference to the reactions of governments and peoples in Western Europe, especially in the UK, France, and West Germany, to a relaxation in international tensions, to the increasing power of nuclear weapons, and to increasing Soviet nuclear warfare capabilities." (This amendment merely designed to put main emphasis on NATO and to add relaxation theme.)

5. Substitute as III e: "The stability and orientation of the Government of Indonesia, with particular reference to its attitude toward further Communist aggrandizement in Asia." (Believe Indonesia is as important as Iran, Egypt, etc. )

6. Add as III f: "Developments in the creation of an effective Middle East defense posture." (Believe this subject needs mentioning in context broader than Egypt.)

7. Amend III i to read: "The development of anti-US sentiment and militant nationalism in Latin America and Communist exploitation of this trend." (Added anti-US sentiment merely to clarify rather vague phrase of "militant nationalism.")

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